



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**



Ökodorf / Sieben Linden

Call for Participants 2021

Volunteering Team

European Solidarity Corps

Want to live & work in a German Ecovillage for six weeks in an international group?

What is the European Solidarity Corps?

The programme European Solidarity Corps (ESC) enables young people (18 to 30 years) to be part of a project as a team volunteer, connecting on a European level. [Read more](#)

Basic Facts

Where?	Ecovillage Sieben Linden, North-Eastern Germany
What?	Joining the ecovillage as a team volunteer and working <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the garden- In the forestry and agroforestry- In the outdoor area
When?	12th of June to 22nd of July 2021 (6 weeks)



About Sieben Linden

Sieben Linden Ecovillage strives to be an ecological and social model settlement. Our intentional community was established in 1997 and now we are about 150 people of all age groups. We aim at implementing a collaborative and holistic sustainable lifestyle that connects a small ecological footprint with a high quality of life.

The vision of Sieben Linden is a sustainable way of life where the social, ecological, economical and cultural aspects are intertwined into a holistic approach that offers space for diversity, creativity and the different needs of people. [Read more](#)



In Detail

Requirements

- Interest in sustainability and community living, in a very rural location
- Openness to learn and meet new people
- Seeking an intercultural experience in a team with participants from Germany, the Bedouin minority in Israel and ?
- Motivation to be of service to the ecovillage
- **Young people with fewer opportunities**
priority target group low socio-economic status and low levels of formal education
We encourage you to be open and transparent about it

Weekly working hours 37,5 h

Working language English

Food and Accommodation Vegan and vegetarian food, shared tents (divided by gender) with camp beds

What you receive Free food and accommodation, health-insurance, international travel and pocket money

Working areas

Organic vegetable garden

This will be your main working area. Sieben Linden's organic gardens grow more than 50 different types of vegetables, fruit and herbs for the community and visitors. You will be outside a lot in different kinds of weather and help the garden team to weed, preparing beds, planting, harvesting, making compost and a lot more. You will gain experience how to grow different vegetables and to take care of plants.



Forest and agroforestry

To live sustainably, Sieben Linden has a lot of forest to chop trees for heating. During the summer, there is maintenance work to be done to enrich the forest ecosystem which is still dominated by a pine tree monoculture.

The dynamic agroforestry puts together various trees and shrubs to benefit each other and create a natural dynamic ecosystem which is more resilient towards climate change. The plots are still young so the weeds need to be kept in check and the plants might need extra watering.

Outdoor area

In summertime the life in Sieben Linden takes place outside a lot. Some structures for community gatherings need maintenance and many helping hands. This is a way to get in touch with other locals as well and dive into community living more.

Housekeeping

As the meals will be cooked for you and in exchange you will need to contribute to housekeeping tasks such as cleaning and preparing vegetables or cleaning the kitchen after meals.

Social life

Community activities & celebrations

The community has a lot of events and celebrations which we welcome you to join and to get to know the people living together with you in the village. Singing circles in the yurt, community pub and dancing on Saturdays, cinema, yoga and dance classes are opportunities to participate in community life. We also celebrate traditional holidays like Easter and have community events for many other occasions.



Who can apply

You need to be aged between 18-30 and from an EU country.

The project is for young people with fewer opportunities, particularly socio-economic disadvantages and low levels of formal education. But we will consider your application if you fall into any of the categories below.

<p>Social obstacles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • associated with people facing discrimination because of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, etc. • people with limited social skills or anti-social or risky behaviours • people in a precarious situation • (ex-)offenders, (ex-)drug or alcohol abusers • young and/or single parents • orphans 	<p>Economic obstacles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • associated with people with a low standard of living, low income, dependence on the social welfare system or homeless • young people in long-term unemployment or poverty • people in debt or with financial problems 	<p>Health problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • related to people with chronic health problems, severe illnesses or psychiatric conditions
<p>Educational difficulties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • associated with young people with learning difficulties • early school-leavers • young people with poor school performance 	<p>Cultural differences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • related to immigrants or refugees or descendants from immigrant or refugee families • people belonging to a national or ethnic minority • people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties 	<p>Geographic obstacles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • related to people from remote or rural areas • people living in small islands or in peripheral regions • people from urban problem zones • people from less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities)

How to apply

Please fill in this [questionnaire](#) if you are interested in joining the team. If you have any questions, please contact Annika at yestosustainability@siebenlinden.net.